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For: INK CONTAINER, RECORDING)
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DEVICE USING SAME)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with the Deputy Commissioner's pre-OG notice of July 11, 2003, copies of U.S. patents and/or applications are not provided, however, a copy of each foreign document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 5,453,771
U.S. Patent 5,619,237
Europe 691,207
Europe 1,219,443

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated December 11, 2003, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Moreover, inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the

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The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,453,771	9/26/95	Waseda, et al.	347	86	
		5,619,237	4/8/97	Inoue, et al	347	86	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		691,207	1/10/96	Europe			
		1,219,443	7/3/02	Europe			

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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